

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1133

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to commend Gladys Best for her honorable and astute service as Rhea County Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Best is one such person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; after serving the people of Rhea County for fifty-six years, she will take her well-deserved retirement on September 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the longest-serving and oldest elected county official in the State of Tennessee, Gladys Best was raised in Morgantown, just outside of Dayton, and attended Rhea Central High School, where she was a member of the Drama Club, the basketball team, and the Future Homemakers of America, which she served as president her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Best entered public service upon graduation, when she was employed as a typist and became acquainted with Marchie James, who, upon becoming the Rhea County Register of Deeds, offered her a job; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Best became the interim Register of Deeds for Rhea County in 1962 and subsequently won her first election to that esteemed office; in total, she won election to fourteen terms in the office; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Gladys Best is a faithful member of Vine Grove Methodist Church in Morgantown; she is an avid bowler, and she served for many years as a gray lady with the Rhea County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Rhea County Register of Deeds, Ms. Best has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Best's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Best is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Gladys Best for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Rhea County Register of Deeds and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.